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1. OBSERVANCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS BY GOVERNMENT OF LUXEMBOURG IS EXEMPLARY, GOING BEYOND MINIMUM COMPLIANCE WITH INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS TO ENCOMPASS GENUINE CONCERN FOR RIGHTS OF INDIVIDUAL. MANY OF LUXEMBOURG'S LEADERS -- INCLUDING THE PRESENT MINISTER OF JUSTICE -- STILL BEAR THE PSYCHOLOGICAL SCARS OF INCARCERATION DURING THE NAZI OCCUPATION AND BEND OVER BACKWARDS TO INSURE THAT HUMAN RIGHTS ARE SCRUPULOUSLY RESPECTED.

2. LUXEMBOURG LAW IS BASED ON THE NAPOLEONIC SYSTEM COMMON TO MANY WEST EUROPEAN DEMOCRACIES. CITIZENS AND FOREIGNERS CANNOT BE DETAINED FOR LONGER THAN 24 HOURS AFTER ARREST WITHOUT CHARGES BEING OPENLY FILED UNLESS A JUDGE ORDERS CONTINUED DETENTION PENDING INVESTIGATION OF ACCOMPLICES AND FORMULATION OF EXACT CHARGES AGAINST ACCUSED ARRESTED IN FLAGRANTE DELICTO. ARRESTED AMERICANS HAVE MADE NO COMPLAINTS REGARDING TREATMENT OR OBSERVANCE OF RIGHTS, AND CONSULAR ACCESS IS FREE, PRIVATE AND IMMEDIATE. FARKAS

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